

FLORIDA MATTERS.

SHORT ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Clipped From Our Exchanges—Gathered Here and There. Local News.

Everybody is interested in the railroad locomotive collision, which is to be one of the features of the next State Fair.

For Eczema, Tetter and Salt Rheum.

The intense itching characteristic of these ailments is almost instantly allayed by Chamberlain's Salve. Many severe cases have been cured by it. For sale by all druggists.

The Range at the next State Fair will be much more extensive, and the shows appearing there of a much higher character than at any previous Fair.

This is Worth Reading.

Leo F. Zelinski, of 68 Gibson St., Buffalo, N. Y., says: "I cured the most annoying cold sore I ever had, with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. I applied this salve once a day for two days, when every trace of the sore was gone." Heals all sores. Sold under guarantee at all druggists. 25c.

Mariana had a destructive fire early Tuesday morning, two fine residences being burned, together with their contents. One family barely escaped with their lives.

It is a Wonder.

Chamberlain's Liniment is one of the most remarkable preparations yet produced for the relief of rheumatic pains, and for lame back, sprains and bruises. The quick relief from pain which it affords in case of rheumatism is alone worth many times its cost. Price 25 cents; large size 50 cents. For sale by all druggists.

Two weeks ago the lettuce growers of Sanford had already shipped over two hundred and fifty cars of lettuce from that place this season. In most cases the growers realized handsome prices.

For that Dull Feeling After Eating.

I have used Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets for some time, and can testify that they have done me more good than any tablets I have ever used. My trouble was a heavy dull feeling after eating. David Freeman, Kempt, Nova Scotia. These tablets strengthen the stomach and improve the digestion. They also regulate the liver and bowels. They are far superior to pills but costs no more. Get a free sample at all druggists and see what a splendid medicine it is.

St. Petersburg's proposed bond issue has been reduced from \$100,000 to \$75,000 to be divided as follows: School buildings, \$35,000; for water front improvements, \$25,000; for sewerage and paving, \$15,000.

Medicine That is Medicine.

I have suffered a good deal with malaria and stomach complaints. I have now found a remedy that has cured me, and that remedy is Chamberlain's medicine that is medicine.

A Yoke's Caper.

Chief Engineer F. M. Glover of the DeSoto Manufacturing Company, had a sick rooster at his home week before last, and the Great Dane dog J. J. which belongs to the chief, became impatient for the chicken to die and proceeded to bury him alive. He scratched a hole, put the chicken in it and had him nearly covered up, when Mr. Glover arrived on the scene and effected a rescue. The chicken attracted the attention of his rescuer by kicking his feet around in the air, these extremities being all that had not been covered with sod.

REAL ESTATE.

FOR EXCHANGE:—100 to 200 acres adjoining Punta Gorda, for small improved waterfront on Charlotte Harbor, near town. Would consider unimproved waterfront.

FOR SALE:—64 lots of 5 acres each, near town of Punta Gorda. Land superior to the Sanford section for growing celery.—C. FRED AUSLAND Athens, Georgia.

CARD OF THANKS.

The people of Punta Gorda, who showed their kindness to Mr. Leo Davis during the recent sickness and death of his beloved wife have the sincere thanks of himself, his mother Mrs. H. M. Dopp, and Mrs. Vickers, mother of Mrs. Davis, deceased.

Chamberlain's Cough Medicine for Children.

The reason for coughs and colds is now at hand and too much care cannot be used to protect the children. A child is much more likely to contract diphtheria or scarlet fever when he has a cold. The quicker you cure his cold, the less the risk. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the sole reliance of many mothers, and few of them who have tried it are willing to use any other. Mrs. F. E. Starcher, of New York, N. Y., says: "I have never known anything other than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for my children and it has always given me satisfaction." This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and can be given as confidently to a child as to an adult. For sale by all druggists.

Mayor of St. Augustine has suggested a popular chord in that city by suggestion to provide recreation grounds for the children. He has suggested that the council co-operate with him in this enterprise.

Marked For Death.

Three years ago I was marked for death. A grave yard-cough was taking my lungs to pieces. Doctors tried to help me, and hope had fled, when my husband got Dr. King's New Discovery," says Mrs. A. C. Williams, of Rac, Ky. "The first dose helped me and improved me until I had gained 58 pounds. My cough and my health was fully restored." This medicine holds the world's healing record for coughs, colds and lung and throat diseases. It prevents pneumonia. Under guarantee at all druggists. 50c and \$1.00. Trial.

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FUGITIVE SPAR BUOYS

Rescuing These Stray "Sticks" Is Perilous Work.

SIGNBOARDS OF CHANNELS.

How These Mariners' Guides Are Anchored and How They Sometimes Break Away and Are Hunted Down by the Lighthouse Service Tenders.

When the winter gales begin to blow, the tenders of the lighthouse service turn their stems toward northern seas to hunt stray spar buoys. Of all the work of the coast patrol this, perhaps, is the most exposed to danger. Pulling these "signboards" out of the sea or putting them over side is like "yanking" spiles with a ton derrick on a heaving platform.

Although passengers in the boats that ply the waters of New York harbor, Long Island sound and other waterways along the coast see many spar buoys, they give them little thought. With the man at the wheel it is different. Color, shape and size give him volumes of information, and he looks upon the spar buoy as an invaluable guide.

In the government inventories they are listed as "sticks," although they are sometimes sixty feet long. They are anchored in the bed of a river or harbor channel, their "up ends" painted in such a way as to indicate to the observer the formation of the bottom. On the margin of government charts explanatory notes tell one that vessels approaching a harbor from the sea should leave red buoys with even numbers on the right and black, with odd numbers on the left side of channels. Black and white stripes, the stripes running perpendicularly, mean an obstruction in the channel, with room to get by on either side. If balls or cages ornament the "up ends" it means a turning point, the color and number indicating the course.

These sticks are put down with heavy iron anchors and sometimes great stone weights. One would suppose that so fixed they never could get away, but they do, and it is a job to find them. Ice floes break their cables and sometimes crush the sticks; storms pull them loose, and ships in the fog or darkness foul them and tear them from their hold on the bottom. Not infrequently ships use them as moorings, although this is forbidden.

There are instances where the anchors of a spar buoy have been secure enough to hold against ice pressure and in a narrow channel cause a dangerous jam. But such cases are few, for when this happens the weight of the ice usually becomes so great as to force the buoy under, and the pack slides on.

If the ice pack gets under the buoy so as to lift it there is only one result—the parting of the cable. Then off starts the spar upon a journey maybe of thousands of miles, perhaps of only one or two. It may fetch up on the nearest shore, and it may drift to the coast of Europe or into the southern seas. On the Irish coast today is one which traveled there in six weeks from New York harbor. It was presented to the British government by the United States and now floats off the coast which it stopped after its long Atlantic journey.

It is a long chase to find the stray sticks and even a more difficult task to recover the anchors left behind by the fugitive spars. Tenders that sail out of the harbor have a derrick and tackle and in front of the pilot house, with a donkey engine to lift and pull. The location of every buoy is marked on the charts to a degree, so it is not difficult to find the desired position. The serious business is dragging for the anchor and after grappling with it to hoist it aboard ship. Here the donkey engine comes into play. Another hazard is to pull a spar buoy aboard. If a sea happens to be running the captain of the tender has to use extreme care. Should a big roller get under him and suddenly tighten the lifting chains either they would give way or the weight would come up too fast, the crew in either case being placed in jeopardy of their lives.

But the risk these men run is all in the day's work. To them a job in a seaway on a lee shore is regarded as no more monotonous task than repainting a row of buoys on land.—New York Post.

The Brevity of Ballarat.

It was in Ballarat that Mark Twain found the local language so puzzling at first, the good people of the place deeming life too short to dawdle in their talk.

The mayor called on the American humorist and laconically said "E'm." Then he said "E'm" again.

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